GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:516
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2006
USE OF HINDI IN CEA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made to increase the use of Hindi in official work in Central Electricity Authority (CEA);

(b) whether all the incentive schemes sponsored by the Department of Official Languages are operational in Central Electricity Authority;

(c) if so, whether any prize scheme namely, `Kendriya-Vidhyut Pustak-Lekhan Puruskar Yojana` in operation;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any new scheme has been introduced; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Details of the efforts being made to increase the use of Hindi in the official working in Central Electricity Authority (CEA) are given at Annexure-I.

(b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) : Yes, Sir. An award scheme, namely ` Kendriya Vidyut Pustak Lekhan Puraskar Yojana` is in operation in CEA.

(d) : A statement thereof is placed at Annexure-II.

(e) : No, Sir.

(f) : The Question does not arise.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 516 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 24.11.2006.

1. Efforts are being made to encourage the use of Hindi in the administrative as well as technical work in Central Electricity Authority (CEA). About 80% correspondence with the `A` and `B` regions are made in Hindi. Best efforts are being made to further enhance this percentage.

2. In CEA, more than 80% employees are having working knowledge of Hindi. Central Electricity Authority is notified under the Official Language rule 10(4). As many as 10 sections have been specified under rule 8(4) to perform their 100% work in Hindi.

3. Quarterly meetings of the Official Language Implementation Committees are being regularly organized for stimulating the use of Hindi in the Authority. Progress of the use of Hindi is reviewed in these meetings.

4. Workshops are organized from time to time in the CEA to create awareness among its Officers/employees about working in Hindi in their day-to-day official work and offer them information on the same. This exercise tremendously helps them to work in Hindi.

5. In CEA, all the Officers/employees are trained under Hindi teaching scheme. Information about the new recruits about their Hindi qualification level is being collected in order that they may be given training in case they do not possess the knowledge of Hindi. Under the Hindi typing and stenography training scheme, training to 50 employees in stenography and 7 employees in typing is yet to be given. Officers/employees are sent from time to time for training to the training programmes organized by NPTI on how to work in Hindi on computer. All the computers in the CEA are having the facility of working in Hindi.

6. All the incentive schemes sponsored by the Department of Official Language are operational in CEA. All the Officers/employees of CEA are participating in these schemes and getting benefits. Original book writing scheme, namely Maulik Pustak Lekhan Yojana is in operation in CEA since the year 2003. This scheme is effective in all the offices of the Authority. Three participants have so far been awarded in this scheme.

7. In CEA, every year more than 50% of the amount of library budget decided by Department of Official Language is spent on the purchase of books in Hindi. The technical magazine of the Authority named ` Vidyut Bharti ` is published bilingually.

8. Inspection of the subordinate offices of the Authority is done as per the Annual Programme of the Department of Official Language. Quarterly progress reports of these offices are regularly reviewed and in these reviews, necessary instructions and suggestions are given to them for promoting the use of Hindi.

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 516 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 24.11.2006.

The ` Kendriya Vidyut Pustak Lekhan Puraskar Yojana ` is in force in the Central Electricity since the year 2003. This Yojana subsumes three prizes under it − first, second and third prize. Cash value of these prizes in CEA are as follows: First prize − Rs.50,000/-, Second prize − Rs.30,000/- and third prize − Rs.20,000/-.

Only one book was found eligible for award for the year 2003, which was authored by Sh. Mahipal Singh, Director, Central Electricity Authority and he was given Rs.50,000/- as the winner of the first prize. For the year 2004, only two books were found suitable for award which were written by Sh. Mahipal Singh, Director, CEA and Shri M.F. Qureshi, Professor, Karorimal Government Polytechnic, Raigarh, Chattisgarh respectively and they were awarded second and third prize. No book was found eligible for the first prize. For the year 2005 award, circulars have been sent to all the offices of the Power sector to send their entries. In response to this, only two entries have been received so far. Since this prizes are to be decided within the financial year 2006-07, prompt action will be taken on the same.